

Current Listing of the Claims

Claim 1 (Previously Presented). A method for removing pigments from a pigmented section of skin, comprising:

- a) providing a skin puncturing device provided with at least one needle;
- b) puncturing the skin at said pigmented section with said skin puncturing device in order to liberate the pigments and cellular fluids from cells containing the pigments;
- c) providing a pad adapted to absorb the pigments and the cellular fluids, said pad containing one or more materials capable of causing the pigments to migrate into an outer layer of the skin; and
- d) bandaging said punctured skin with said pad, thereby causing the pigments at said section to migrate toward the outer layer of the skin.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented). A method according to claim 1, further comprising applying one or more antiseptic materials to the punctured skin.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). A method according to claim 1, wherein the punctured skin is bandaged with a pad containing the one or more antiseptic materials.

Claim 4 (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein the skin puncturing device is a tattooing device.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented). A method according to claim 1, wherein each of the needles attached to the skin puncturing device is solid.

Claim 6 (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein the skin puncturing device is further provided with suction means.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented). A method according to claim 6, further comprising, prior to the bandaging of the punctured skin and during the puncturing of said skin, performing the suction of the pigments from said punctured skin with the suction means.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). A method according to claim 1, wherin the material causing the pigments to migrate is in the form of a solution, a solid material or a combination of both a solution and a solid material.

Claim 9 (Original). A method according to claim 8, wherein the material is saline.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 1, wherein an aqueous solution is injected into the pigmented section during the puncturing of the skin.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 1, further comprising applying at least one antibiotic material to the punctured skin.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 1, which further comprises including at least one antibiotic material for treating the skin in said pad.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 1, wherein said one or more materials in said pad are capable of absorbing at least five grams of the aqueous mixture containing the tattoo ink and cellular debris per ten square centimeters of area of said pad in a period of no more than twenty minutes.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one needle attached to said skin puncturing device is hollow.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 18, which further comprises coupling a means for providing suction to said hollow needle.

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Claim 20 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 19, further comprising, prior to the bandaging of the punctured skin and during the puncturing of said skin, sucking the pigments from said punctured skin with said means for providing suction.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 1, wherein said skin puncturing device includes no ink to be injected.